

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A snap connection for sealed and releasable connection of a first tube end with a second tube end, with spring arms, with a first outer stop projection on a the first tube end, with a first elastically deformable ring connected with the spring arms, and with two first inner stop cams on the first ring cooperating with the first outer stop projection, characterized by a second outer stop projection on the second tube end, a second elastically deformable ring connected with the spring arms ~~with distance~~ and distanced from the first ring, and by two, second inner stop cams on the second ring cooperating with the second outer stop projection.
2. (Currently Amended) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that the spring arms, the rings connected to it, as well as the inner stop cams ~~provided on these~~ form a double-connection element.
3. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 2, characterized in that the double-connection element is made as a plastic, injection molding part.
4. (Original) The snap connection according to claim 3, characterized in that for the plastic, injection molding part as plastic material, a reinforced polyamide is used.

5. (Original) The snap connection according to claim 4, characterized in that the polyamide is selected from the group consisting of polyamide 6, polyamide 66, polyamide 46, polyamide 11, polyamide 12, and partially aromatic, part-crystalline copolyamides.
6. (Original) The snap connection according to claim 4 or 5, characterized in that at least one of fibers and/or minerals are used as reinforcement means for the polyamide.
7. (Original) The snap connection according to claim 6, characterized in that the fibers are selected from the group consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers, and aramid fibers.
8. (Currently Amended) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that two further inner stop cams are provided parallel and ~~with distance to~~ distanced from the first inner stop cams on the first ring with formation of an engagement groove for the first outer stop projection on the first tube end.
9. (Currently Amended) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that ~~both tube ends or end sections of the tube ends~~ one of the tube ends can be inserted into the other tube end ~~one another~~.
10. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 9, characterized in that an end section of the second tube end is widened in stages for receiving an end section of the first tube end and that the stepped widening forms the second outer stop projection.

11. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 9 or 10, characterized in that the end section of the second tube end is provided on the inside with a sealing surface.

12. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 9, characterized in that on the outside of the end section of the first tube end, at least one circumferential sealing groove for at least one sealing element is provided, wherein said at least one sealing element is preferably an O-ring, a gasket cord, or a lip seal.

13. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the first and/or the second tube ends comprises a plastic.

14. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 13, characterized in that the plastic is selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polybutylene-terephthalate, polyphenylene-sulfide, and polyamides, wherein these polymers also contain at least one of additives and reinforcement means.

15. (Original) The snap connection according to claim 14, characterized in that the polyamides include the group polyamide 6, polyamide 66, polyamide 11, polyamide 12, polyphthalamides, polyamide elastomers, and polyamide mixtures.

16. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to one of claims 13-15, characterized in that the first tube end is an extrusion blow-molding part.
17. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to one of claims 13-15, characterized in that the first tube end is part of a continually extruded corrugated tube.
18. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to one of claims 13-15, characterized in that the second tube end is an injected molding part.
19. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that the second tube end is a metal part.
20. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that the diameter of the two tube ends lies in the range of 30 to 70 mm.
21. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that the two tube ends are formed to be rotationally symmetrical.
22. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that both tube ends are protected against twisting by means of a non-rotationally symmetrical design.

23. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 1, characterized in that it is an air channel connection for the intake or charging area of an automobile engine.

24. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 18 wherein the injection molding part comprises a connection piece on an injection-molded container.

25. (Previously Presented) The snap connection according to claim 19 wherein the metal part comprises a metal connecting part.